<u>REMARKS</u>

Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment are respectfully requested prior to or concurrent with calculation of the filing fees.

In acting on this Preliminary Amendment, reference must be made to Applicant's Amendment under Article 34 (translation submitted with these application papers). Among other minor changes, this Amendment removes all multiple dependencies that were still present in the claims after amendment under Article 34.

Examination on the merits is awaited.

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